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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PROFESSOR URSU

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1. MEETING WITH URSU TOOK PLACE ON SHORT NOTICE LATE APRIL 2. MORE DETAILED SUGGESTIONS WILL BE GIVEN BY NCST IN NEXT FEW DAYS. URSU INDICATED THAT HE IS NOW MORE INCLINED TO LATE APRIL OR EARLY MAY VISIT IF CONVENIENT FOR US HOSTS SINCE THIS WOULD GIVE HIM MORE TIME TO PREPARE HIMSELF (HE IS IN EAST GERMANY THIS WEEK WHERE HE EXPECTS TO BE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF EUROPEAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY).

2. INITIAL PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS OUTSIDE WASHINGTON ARE GIVEN BELOW:

A. PRINCETON UNIVERSITY. URSU DID POST-DOCTORAL WORK ON AN IAEA FELLOWSHIP AT PRINCETON, 1959-60, UNDER JOHN TURKEVICH. TURKEVICH HAS SINCE DIED BUT URSU WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN PRINCETON VISIT WITH PERSONAL CALL ONLY. TURKEVICH, IN ADDITION TO PRINCETON PHYSICS FACILITIES. SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH PHYSICS FACULTY MEMBERS WILL FOLLOW SEPTEMBER.

B. HARVARD UNIVERSITY. PROFESSOR ARTHUR SOLTMON, BIOPHYSICS LABORATORY, HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL.

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SOLOMON CONSULTED WITH URSU HERE IN FEBRUARY AND

HAS SINCE GIVEN HIS FORMAL RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF A BIOPHYSICS LABORATORY AT THE INSTITUTE OF ATOMIC PHYSICS, BUCHAREST. URSU NOW WOULD LIKE TO ACCEPT SOLOMON'S RETURN INVITATION TO VISIT HARVARD. (SOLOMON MAY BE INTERESTED TO HAVE THE URSU'S AS HOUSE GUESTS DURING HARVEHD VISIT.)

C. VISIT TO ANY CONVENTIONAL NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, NHREFULABLY NZRE MODECJIONE CONVENIENT TO ITINERARY.

D. VISIT TO A FUEL-ELEMENT FABRICATION PLANT FOR NUCLEAR REACTORS.

E. VISIT TO A HIGH-TEMPERATURE THERMAL REACTOR SITE.

F. ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY (ESPECIALLY IF VISITS D AND E ABOVE ARE ARRANGED IN CHICAGO AREA).

G. IF TIME PERMITS, URSU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN WEST COAST VISITS AT CALTECH AND BERKELEY. SPECIAL REQUESTS WILL FOLLOW BUT ARE CERTAIN TO INCLUDE GLEN SEABORG AT BERKELEY WITH WHOM URSU IS PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED.

3. FYI: IN ADDITION TO BIO DATA AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT, WE ARE INCLUDING THIS SUMMARY FOR IMMEDIATE REFERENCE. URSU IS AN EXPERIMENTAL PHYSICIST WHO DID MUCH OF HIS WORK IN ISOTOLR SEPARATION AT THE INSTITUTE OF STABILE ISOTOPES, CLUJ. HE BECAME DEAN OF DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS AT UNIVERSITY OF CLUJ IN 1960 AND DEPUTY RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY IN 1962. DURING 1960'S HE WAS AN ALTERNATE TO THE ROMANIAN MEMBER OF IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS. ELECTED CANDIDATE MEMBER OF THE ROMANIAN ACADEMY 1963. IN 1968 HE CAME TO BUCHAREST AS DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTE OF ATOMIC PHYSICS AND SHORTLY AFTER WAS APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF STATE COMMITTEE FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HE ALSO HOLDS A PROFESSORSHIP IN PHYSICS AT UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST WHERE HE LECTURES ONCE A WEEK. HE SAYS HE STILL USUALLY MANAGES TO SPEND TIME IN HIS LABORATORY EACH WEEK. SINCE MARCH 1973 URSU HAS ALSO BEEN CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL DSR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (NCST), ROMANIA'S HIGHEST SCIENCE MANAGEMENT AND POLICY BODY. IN NOVEMBER 1974 HE WAS ALSO ELECTED CANDIDATE MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE RCP. URSU SPEAKS FRENCH,
GERMAN, RUSSIAN, AND ENGLISH AND IS JUST TURNING 48.
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